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Presidential Leadership Advances Foundation

As a leader in the community as the Administrative Director at St. Joseph Mercy North Macomb Health Center and the President of Four County Community Foundation, Judy Czerepowicz brought an acute awareness of our communities' needs—and a unique humanitarian kindness in leadership.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of the Four County Community Foundation for the last two years. The Foundation is truly a gift to the communities it serves. The dedication of a super staff, board members and an engaged community is evident in the success of this organization. The Foundation's endowment will benefit generations for years to come and gives powerful meaning to our motto, "For good. For ever."

There were many milestones highlighting Czerepowicz's two years as Board President. Assets rose from \$7,780,000 in January of 2004 to \$9,523,000 by December 2005. Gifts tallied well over \$1.5 million and 12 new funds were established. Within those same two years, the number of grants edged 600 amounting to \$772,000 in awards. The first real estate bequest was sold, our first million dollar gift was directed to the Foundation and a historic marker was dedicated for the Octagon House, the Foundation's very special home. This response is a reflection of the community's growing confidence in and awareness of the Four County Community Foundation and the good work it has conducted throughout our area.

Judy will now serve on the Development and Human Resources Committees as an active Board member until 2007. The Foundation will then continue to benefit from Judy's expertise and humanitarian efforts as she joins other distinguished members of the Emeritus Board.



Trustees Reach Emeritus Status



Shane Diehl served as President from 2002 through 2003. Shane made it his priority to improve interaction and communication between the Board of Trustees and the Youth Advisory Committee. His efforts succeeded, resulting in proactive grantmaking and community projects initiated by both groups.



James T. Ligon, Jr. carries on the tradition of the Ligon family, supporting our communities from the building of the Community Hospital to the creation and support of the Four County Community Foundation. His three daughters all served on the Youth Advisory Committee.

New Funds

Imlay City Historical Commission Fund
John R. & Iris M. Bartholomew Scholarship Fund
Knights of Columbus Council #7018 Roman Catholic Scholarship Fund
Laura Lee Memorial Scholarship Fund
St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church & Romeo Knights of Columbus #7018 College Fund
Waterloo Hunt Club Donor Advised Fund

Four County Community Foundation's 2006 Board



Charles Schiedegger

Chuck is the President of Four County Community Foundation after serving as Treasurer and Vice-President. He is the President of Manufacturing for the Tapco Group, a Division of Headwaters. Chuck has served on the Executive, Finance/Investment and Audit/Standards Committees. He and his wife Bonnie live in Metamora.



Joseph Salas

Joe is the Vice-President of the Foundation after having served as Treasurer. His is the President of CSB Bank. Joe has served on the Executive, Finance/Investment, Audit/Standards, Four County Community Fund Review and Human Resources Committees. He and his wife Linda live in Allenton.



Barb Quain

Barb is the Treasurer of the Foundation. She became a Board Trustee in 2004 and has served on the Four County Community Fund Grant Review and the Human Resources Committees. She is the owner of Barb's Bookkeeping & Tax Service and lives in Capac.



Kim Jorgensen

Kim is the Secretary of the Foundation and has also served on the Executive Committee as well as being an adult advisor to our Youth Advisory Committee. She and her family own the Tri-City Times, Woods-N-Water Outdoor News and Page One Printing. She and her husband Randy live in Imlay City.

Meet the New Trustees



Sean P. O'Bryan is an attorney who specializes in probate, estate planning, and trusts. He is a member of the Probate, Elder Law, and Estate Planning Sections of the American Bar Association as well as the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Sean grew up in Almont, graduating from Almont High School in 1981. He is a member of the Davison Downtown Development Authority, Hunters Creek Club, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, and St. Johns Catholic Church. He and his wife Aimee have two children, Caelan and Teagan, and own Celtic Ridge Farm.



Laura Schapman, a veterinarian, is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Association of Equine Practitioners. As a youth growing up in Imlay City, Laura cultivated her love of animals as a member of 4-H and was active in sports. Laura is interested in promoting sports programming and community activities for all ages. Schapman's father, Jim Sillers, has served the Foundation for many years in various positions and now serves on the Emeritus Board.



Al Verlinde is a Certified Insurance Counselor and member of the Michigan Association of Independent Agents. Locally he serves on the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Board and is an active Board Member at the Armada Education Foundation. Al is interested in promoting education on all levels as well as senior programs. He enjoys outdoor activities, travel, and music with his wife Sharon and their children and grandchildren.



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